

USDA Rural Business Cooperative Service—Rural Economic Development Loans (REDL)	
Type	Zero-interest loans for electric and telephone utility services.
Potential for Funding	Recipient must be a Utilities Program electric or telephone utility that is not delinquent on any Federal debt or in bankruptcy proceedings. Recipient is required to re-lend at zero-percent interest the loan proceeds to an eligible third-party. In FY'06 this program provided \$9.8 million to cooperatives in 10 states. Please note that USDA fiscal year is October 1- September 30.
Contact Information	Rural Development State Office 317.290.3100 5975 Lakeside Blvd. Indianapolis, IN 46278
Program Mission/ Focus	Promote sustainable rural economic development and job creation projects.
Program Area	Electric and telephone utilities.
Available Grants	<p>Must contact Rural Development State Office for information on amounts available. Loans can only be made to electric and telephone utilities financed by the USDA's Utilities Program.</p> <p>Maximum loan amount is 3% of available funds for the FY. Funds available for FY to be announced in Federal Register (but I can't find any mention of it in the last 6 years worth of Fed. Reg.'s). See 7 CFR 1703.28 for guidance.</p>
Application Deadline	Applications may be filed to the Rural Development State Office at any time. Applications received by the 14 th day of the month will be reviewed at the first selection date to occur at least 40 days after the application was received. Applications received after the 14 th day of the month will be held until the next application period or returned to the borrower upon request.
Eligibility Requirements	Recipient must be a Utilities Program electric or telephone utility. Third-party recipients may be private or public organizations having corporate and legal authority to incur debt.
Application Process (grant guidelines)	<p>Must consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Form 424 signed by Utility Programs utility. • Utility Programs utility Board of Directors resolution requesting

	<p>the third-party loan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forms and certifications required by 7 CFR 1703.34.• Narrative discussion of the initial third-party project including “Selection Factors” and “Project Description” as set forth in 7 CFR 1703.35 and 1703.36, and also a discussion of the environmental impact of the third-party project.
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